

Meeting Summaries

JUNE 5, 2009 SUMMARY

Reports/Follow-up

Legislative Update:

State Lands Commission provided an overview and status update of [SB 459 \(Wolk\)](#), Removal of abandoned vessels from areas under State Lands Commission jurisdiction.

Department of Boating and Waterways provided an overview and status update of [AB 166 \(Lieu\)](#), Vessel Surrender Program.

Also discussed was recent discussions by the Legislature to eliminate DBW. Boating interests at the meeting shared a letter that can be submitted in opposition of the elimination.

DBW Program Update:

Department of Boating and Waterways made a presentation on the Abandoned Watercraft Removal Fund (AWRF) Program. The matching funds requirement and that the program does not cover removal of commercial vessels stimulated discussion.

County Updates:

Each of the Delta Counties in attendance (Sacramento County unable to attend) provided an update on their programs, particularly relative to number of vessels removed utilizing DBW grant funding. They also provided a status update on their ordinance most of which have recently been updated and appear to be consistent with each other. The importance of Delta-wide collaboration and coordination to address the abandoned vessel issue was emphasized. State Lands Commission noted the importance of consistency with its authority, particularly relative to restrictions on live-a-boards. The Commission and Sacramento County are in discussions on this issue.

The Coast Guard provided information about the role of the agency relative to abandoned vessels, particularly the ability to survey and also to remove if discharge impacts to the environment are documented.

Future agenda items will include: Funding for programs, need for a commercial vessel removal program, need for a statewide ordinance for consistency, and the need for regional coordination and education (BCDC, etc.).